

CHAPTER NO. 795

HOUSE BILL NO. 2318

By Representatives Kisber, Davidson, Head, Ronnie Cole, McMillan, Hargrove, Rinks, Lois DeBerry, Cooper, John DeBerry, Stulce, Montgomery, David Davis, Brenda Turner, Walker, Buttry, Eckles, Hood, Fitzhugh, Maddox, Baird and Mr. Speaker Naifeh

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2572

By Senators Cooper, Womack, Graves, Crowe, Blackburn, Kurita, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to coordination of credits and graduation requirements among state institutions of higher learning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(d) The commission shall establish and ensure that all postsecondary institutions in Tennessee cooperatively provide for an integrated system of postsecondary education. The commission shall guard against inappropriate and unnecessary conflict and duplication by promoting transferability of credits and easy access of information among institutions.

(e) The commission shall develop a university tract program within the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Board of Regents systems consisting of sixty (60) hours of instruction that can be transferred and applied toward the requirements for a bachelor's degree at the public universities. The tract shall consist of general education courses and pre-major courses as prescribed by the commission. Courses in the university track program shall transfer and apply toward the requirements for graduation with a bachelor's degree at all public universities. Successful completion of the university tract program shall meet the academic requirement for transfer to a public university as a junior. The commission shall direct the Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees to develop comprehensive plans and requirements for the establishment of track programs for all majors and baccalaureate degree programs and to submit the same to the commission by the fall semester of 2000. By fall semester 2001, the commission shall implement such plans and requirements for all majors and baccalaureate degree programs.

(f) The commission shall have on-going responsibility to update and revise the plans implemented pursuant to subsections (d) and (e) of this section and report to the Joint Education Oversight Committee and the Chairs of the Finance, Ways and Means Committees in both the House of Representatives and the Senate no later than October 1 of each year on the progress made toward full articulation between all public institutions.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 15, 2000


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of May 2000


DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR